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**From:** Burton, Faith (SMO)  
**To:** Weich, Ron (SMO); Gaston, Molly (SMO)  
**Sent:** 4/30/2011 11:26:17 AM  
**Subject:** RE: Draft response to Senator Grassley  
**Attachments:** grassley ranking member response 52.docx

Yes, but we've decided to break up the long para at the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> page as indicated here. Mico Q re last sentence in the 3<sup>rd</sup> para – don't want to increase pressure on Leahy to join with Grassley – do you think that sentence is OK?  
Thanks. FB

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**From:** Weich, Ron (SMO)  
**Sent:** Friday, April 29, 2011 7:36 PM  
**To:** Burton, Faith (SMO); Gaston, Molly (SMO)  
**Subject:** FW: Draft response to Senator Grassley

I assume you've seen this on some other chain. This looks good to me.

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**From:** Axelrod, Matthew (ODAG)  
**Sent:** Friday, April 29, 2011 7:33 PM  
**To:** Wilkinson, Monty (OAG); Richardson, Margaret (SMO); Weich, Ron (SMO)  
**Subject:** Fw: Draft response to Senator Grassley

Fyi.

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**From:** Axelrod, Matthew (ODAG)  
**Sent:** Friday, April 29, 2011 07:27 PM  
**To:** Burke, Dennis (USAAZ); Cunningham, Patrick (USAAZ); Morrissey, Mike (USAAZ); Melson, Kenneth E. (ATF); Hoover, William J. (ATF); Sarnacki, Jeffrey P. (ATF); ATF (ATF)  
**Subject:** Draft response to Senator Grassley

Attached is a revised draft response to Senator Grassley, as well as his incoming letter. Please vet for complete accuracy and let me know whether you have any changes. In particular, I want to make sure that we are on 100% solid ground saying that "It remains our understanding that ATF's Operation Fast and Furious did not knowingly permit straw buyers to take guns into Mexico." We're planning to get the letter out Monday morning, so I need to hear from you before then. Thanks.

Matt

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